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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, GE, US  
SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON GDR MOVES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS  
WITH US

REFS: (A) STATE 130413; (B) NATO 4443

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE BONN GROUP BRIEFING,  
WHICH WE HAVE GIVEN AS A NON-PAPER TODAY.

BEGIN TEXT

WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED A COPY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S PRESS GUIDANCE REGARDING THE MAY  
12 GDR AIDE-MEMOIRE ON US-GDR RELATIONS. IN ADDITION  
TO THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THAT BRIEFING, WE WISH  
TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GDR AIDE-MEMOIRE MADE SUGGESTIONS  
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

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L. AN INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY AND RAISING  
OF THE LEVEL OF POLITICAL CONTACTS AND  
CONSULTATIONS.

2. A STRENGTHENING OF THE BILATERAL TREATY  
BASIS OF RELATIONS, E.G. AGREEMENTS ON CONSULAR,

SHIPPING AND PARCEL POST MATTERS, AS WELL AS AN AGREEMENT OR JOINT DECLARATION CALLING FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS PURSUANT TO THE CSCE.

3. THE GRANTING OF MFN STATUS TO THE GDR AND ESTABLISHMENT OF GDR TRADE AND FTO OFFICES IN THE US.

4. AN INCREASE IN BILATERAL CULTURAL RELATIONS AND EXCHANGES, INCLUDING THE GREATEST POSSIBLE EQUIVALENCE IN THE FIELDS OF BOOK, FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION EXCHANGES IN THE INTEREST OF DETENTE AND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ADN AND THE US NEWS SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION AND MATERIALS.

5. IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING EXPERIENCE AND TEACHING MATERIALS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

6. THE CONTINUATION AND BROADENING OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGES.

7. IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE QUESTIONS OF A DISCRIMINATORY CHARACTER, AGREEMENTS TO REDUCE THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR VISA ISSUANCE TO THE NECESSARY PERSONAL DATA AND TO ISSUE VISAS TO OFFICIAL VISITORS WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME ON BOTH SIDES. (THE GDR NOTED THAT, WITH REGARD TO HUMANITARIAN CASES, THE GDR PROCEEDS ON THE BASIS THAT THIS IS SUBJECT TO THE SOVEREIGN CONFIDENTIAL

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DECISIONS OF THE STATES CONCERNED. IT SAID THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS STANDPOINT, THE GDR HAS APPROVED APPLICATIONS OF ITS CITIZENS TO LEAVE THE GDR FOR THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS AND MARRIAGE.)

8. AN AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO JOURNALISTS, AND THE GRANTING OF WORKING CONDITIONS AND PRIVILEGES, ON THE SAME BASIS BY BOTH SIDES.

THE GDR PAPER SAID THAT THE GDR IS READY TO ENGAGE IN A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON THE QUESTIONS OF TRANSFERRING THE FINAL ACT INTO BILATERAL ACTIONS AND THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE WILL PERMIT FURTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT AND TOWARD THE BEST POSSIBLE PREPARATION FOR THE BELGRADE MEETING.

AS YOU KNOW, THE US GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING THE GDR PROPOSALS. WE WISH, IN THIS CONNECTION, TO

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EMPHASIZE TWO POINTS:

L) THE GDR PROPOSALS ARE ESSENTIALLY ONES WHICH  
HAVE BEEN PRESENTED BEFORE ONE AT A TIME. NOW, THEY  
HAVE BEEN PLACED TOGETHER IN A SINGLE PACKAGE. PRESS  
COVERAGE OF THIS ACTION HAS BEEN OVERDONE, IN OUR VIEW,  
AND WE VIEW THE PROPOSALS NOT SO MUCH AS A SIGNIFICANT  
NEW DEVELOPMENT IN RELATIONS, BUT RATHER AS AN ATTEMPT  
BY THE GDR TO KEEP THESE ITEMS UNDER CONTINUED DIS-  
CUSSION. WE SHALL RESPOND TO THE GDR IN DUE TIME ON  
THESE PROPOSALS.

2) ONE DEVELOPMENT, IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIFIC  
GDR PROPOSALS, HAS BEEN THE GDR'S DECISION TO RESOLVE  
OUTSTANDING HUMANITARIAN CASES IN WHICH THE USG HAS  
EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST. THIS IS A WELCOME STEP  
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AND MEETS ONE OF THE US PRECONDITIONS FOR A GENERAL  
EXPANSION IN THE SCOPE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE  
LACK OF PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON A CONSULAR  
CONVENTION, HOWEVER, REMAINS AN OBSTACLE WHICH MUST  
BE OVERCOME BEFORE RELATIONS WILL BECOME MORE "NORMAL."  
ADDITIONALLY, WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN SETTLING CLAIMS.

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